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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 31, 2002
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Sen. Connie Lawson, Chairperson; Rep. William Crawford; Rep. Mary Kay Budak; Marcia Hearn-Lindsey; Carol Johnson; Nathan Samuel; Ellen Clippinger; John Boyce; Mara Snyder; Sharon Pierce; Natalie Wolfe.

Members Absent: Sen. Rose Antich; Cheryl Seelig; Sven Schumacher; Kimberly Tracy Armstrong; Judith Ganser; Judy Nevins.

Sen. Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Consideration of proposed legislation

Minimum Standards

Sen. Lawson requested that staff explain the changes contained in PD 3754² to the draft presented during the October 24, 2002, meeting concerning minimum standards for child care. Staff provided an explanation of the changes. Two amendments were made to the

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² Attachment 1.

PD. Following a brief discussion, the members approved PD 3754, as amended, by a voice vote of 11 - 0. Mr. Boyce expressed his appreciation for the work of Sen. Lawson on the PD.

Preschool Registration

Rep. Budak requested that staff explain the changes contained in PD 3746³ to the draft presented during the October 24, 2002, meeting concerning preschool registration. Staff provided an explanation of the changes. There was general discussion among the members concerning: (a) the requirement that preschool children be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or general educational development diploma; (b) fiscal impact of the PD; (c) preschool registration as a starting point in knowing how many preschools exist in the state; and (d) the PD's impact on fragmentation of the child care system. The members approved PD 3746 by a voice vote of 10 - 0 with 1 abstention.

Child Care Homes

Rep. Crawford provided an explanation of PD 3747⁴, changing the definition of "child care home" and the exemption from licensure of certain child care providers so that a child care provider that cares for 1 unrelated child under certain circumstances is considered a child care home requiring licensure. Rep. Crawford explained that the estimated fiscal impact of this PD, based on currently unlicensed Child Care and Development Fund providers, ranges from \$1.3 million to \$3.1 million. There was general discussion concerning: (a) the fiscal impact of the PD; (b) the desire to regulate all child care providers; (c) the need for child care providers and advocates to participate in the legislative process; (d) approaches to development of a system of regulating all child care providers; and (e) current work by the Purdue Cooperative Extension and how that work may include assistance with an overall revision of the child care system. The members approved PD 3747 by a voice vote of 11-0.

Commission on Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families

Sen. Lawson requested that Cathy Graham, IARCCA an Association of Children and Family Services, explain proposed changes to the draft presented at the October 24, 2002, meeting of the Board concerning this commission⁵. Ms. Graham presented the proposed changes. There was general discussion concerning: (a) the need for this commission and the responsibilities of the commission as they relate to those of the Board; and (b) the prevalence of child abuse and neglect in child care settings and in other settings. The proposed amendments presented by Ms. Graham and additional amendments suggested by staff were made to the proposed draft. The members approved the proposed draft, as amended, by a voice vote of 10 - 0 with 1 abstention.

Recommendations on Proposed Child Care Center Administrative Rules

Mr. Boyce discussed the Board's previous consideration of the proposed rules and the rulemaking process. The timeline of promulgation of rules was discussed and Mr. Boyce confirmed that public comment would be taken during the promulgation process and that a 1 year grace period would be provided after adoption of the rules to give child care centers time to achieve compliance with the rules. Sen. Lawson encouraged child care providers

³Attachment 2.

⁴Attachment 3.

⁵Attachment 4.

to attend and contribute to the public hearings at which public comment would be taken. Mr. Boyce provided clarification of the process that would be followed should statutory changes be made following adoption of the rules. There was general discussion concerning: (a) the need for overall regulation of child care; (b) fragmentation of the child care regulatory system; and (c) possible financial hardships upon child care centers as a result of implementation of the proposed rules. The members voted on a recommendation for FSSA to proceed with promulgation of the proposed rules. The recommendation failed for lack of a majority on a voice vote of 8 - 2 with 1 abstention.

Consideration of the Final Report of the Board

Sen. Lawson requested that staff discuss amendments, contained in a revised draft⁶, to the draft final report presented at the October 24, 2002, meeting of the Board. Staff provided an explanation of the changes. The members discussed each finding and recommendation included in the final report. Amendments were made to the findings and recommendations by consent and the Board approved the final report by a voice vote of 10-0.

With no further business to discuss, Sen. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

⁶Attachment 5.